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PANAMA IS RECOGNIZED

Great Britain Gives Countenance to the Republic

ITS ACTION IS FORMAL

General Reyes Has Presented Colombia's Protest.

WILL AWAIT AN ANSWER

Deprecates Warlike Talk and Would Prevent Outbreak.

Panama, Dec. 24.—C. Mallero, the British consul, has officially notified the junta that he has received a cablegram from the British foreign office to the effect that Great Britain formally recognizes the republic of Panama.

Washington, Dec. 24.—General Reyes, special representative of Colombia to the United States, today presented to Secretary Hay, at his house, the protest he has been preparing against the action of the United States in recognizing the republic of Panama. Later General Reyes said that he expected to remain in Washington until he received an answer from Secretary Hay. This paper he expected will be sent to congress soon after it convenes in January. Gen. Reyes said he deprecated warlike talk and endeavored to prevent any outbreak on the part of the people of Colombia against the United States.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Acting Secretary of State Loomis today received a cablegram from Mr. Snyder, the United States charge at Bogota, stating that he had assumed charge of the United States legation and that Minister Dreyfus was leaving for home today.

STEAMER IS STRANDED

Owing to Failure to Secure Coal the Ship's Fittings Were Burned.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 24.—The steamer Olympia, which arrived today, brought Messrs. Harrington and McDonough, mining engineers and counsel for the Northwestern Siberian company. The miners told of an interesting voyage of the steamer Maureane, which has since been totally wrecked. Owing to the failure to secure coal from the Northwestern Siberian company, the Maureane was left helpless within a day's run from Yakutat. Her crew and passengers took axes and broke up the after house, tore up the two decks and broke up the cases of salmon and the ship's fittings for fuel. The timbers and preserved fish were used to the furnace, but the steamer was unable to make port owing to the heavy weather. She drifted 125 miles back to Akishik Bay, whence telegrams were sent to Yakutat and coal sent. Since the departure of the Olympia cables have told of the total loss of the steamer, after stranding on the Japanese coast.

THORPE IS PROMOTED

W. R. Stilman of Kansas Also Steps to Higher Place.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Olin H. Thorpe, of Vermont, who has been in charge of the eastern division of postoffice inspectors with headquarters at New York city, has been permanently appointed superintendent of the city delivery department of the postoffice department succeeding Charles Hedges, who was removed some months ago. Mr. Thorpe was detailed to act in this position at the time of Hedges' dismissal. W. R. Stilman, of Massachusetts, formerly chief of the appointment division of the fourth assistant postmaster general's office, and who during the postal investigation has been detailed to assist in the direction of the delivery system, has been appointed superintendent of the rural free delivery service in place of H. Conquest Clarke, who had been made superintendent of the Atlanta district of the rural free delivery service.

WILL BE STANDARDIZED

Equipment of the Harriman System to Be Up-to-Date.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 24.—W. S. V. Borne, director of purchases for the Harriman lines, who has been in Omaha several days, announced that equipment for the entire Harriman system will be standardized. When the plan has been carried into effect it will be possible to duplicate any piece of rolling stock at any shop of the system. The work of bringing the equipment to a uniform standard will be worked out gradually as new stock and repairs are required. The plan of standardizing will include the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Oregon Short Line, Oregon Railway and Navigation company, Illinois Central and Chicago and Alton.

BRADSTREET'S WILL SAY

Activity in Holiday Trade Was Greater Than Usual.

New York, Dec. 24.—Bradstreet's will say that activity in holiday trade, with sales equal to or in excess of last year at most markets, quiet in wholesale lines, as usual at this period, with fair recoveries from jobbers and exceptionally strong and active markets for speculative goods, coffee and provisions, are the salient features of the week. Other points brought out are the sustained better feeling in iron and steel and exceptional ease in money at a time when disbursement preparations might be expected to lead to high rates. High prices for raw textiles are a drawback with which the cotton manufacturing trade is struggling. Hides, tallow and wool are stronger in tone. In industrial lines the features are the easing to the Colorado coal strike and the gradual downward readjustment of wages for coal, coke and iron and steel to meet changed conditions of supply and demand.

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Declares That Societies Are Defying the Law.

URGES GRAND JURY ACTION

Houses of Mourning Made the Scene of Disorder.

DEAD BODIES DESECRATED

Police in Uniform and Plain Clothes Guarded Hearses

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Scathing criticisms of persons who have disturbed funeral processions in Chicago were made today by the grand jury. They also criticized secret organizations defying the law. The report which was drawn by Colonel Jas. W. Nye, foreman, says:

"We find that for several months irresponsible organizations have been creating disorder in Cook county and doing things against the law. We find that the ordinary subpoenas issued by this court have been evaded. Houses of mourning are made the scenes of disorder by men calling themselves union pickets, and that the bodies of the dead are desecrated. This condition justifies careful examination, and we respectfully suggest that the conditions we have rectified be made a special subject of inquiry by the January grand jury."

Today, for the first time in a week, hearse carriers led the dead to the cemeteries in and around Chicago. The hearse drivers were in non-union drivers, the livery owners abandoning the policy of pleading danger and withholding service. Although the police were ordered to attend funerals if necessary, and non-union drivers were sent to the cemeteries by order of the police, the police were driving the carriages.

Unarmed policemen mounted on horse and carriage, the body of William Hartmann was taken to Oakwood cemetery. The strikers had pickets in the neighborhood of the home, but they announced that their presence was merely for the purpose of seeing that no union men were driving the carriages.

VICTIM OF A GAME

Minister Is Caught by a Peculiar Trick.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 24.—Although feeling a natural aversion to letting the fact become public that he had been the victim of a confidence game, the Rev. Frederick Brun, pastor of the German Lutheran church at Alton and Edwardsville, decided after deliberation that such knowledge might be the means of saving money for others, and so yesterday he made his feelings subservient to a sense of duty. The incident occurred last Thursday. A stranger called at the minister's home in Edwardsville, stating that he had recently arrived from Butler, Pa., and purchased the Thomas Morrison farm.

The minister knew the farm had just been sold, but did not know to whom. The visitor, who said his name was Vanhook, said he was a member of the church, and as his daughter and sister-in-law were to be married Sunday they wished the Rev. Brun to perform the ceremony.

Details of the double wedding were arranged and the man arose to take his departure. At the door he remarked indignantly that he had purchased some cattle to stock the farm, and remembered that he was to settle the account that morning and was \$13 short. He wondered if the minister could advance the riding sum, and the latter handed it to his visitor, who has not been seen since.

The tale was gotten off so well that the minister, after reflection, decided that he would be asked in other places, and to prevent this made public the fact that he had been bilked.

TROUBLE IN ORIENT

Incidents and Facts Leading Up to the Difficulty.

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—According to the Republic relations between Japan and Russia have been increasingly strained ever since the Japanese war with China firmly established the dominance of the Mikado in Korean affairs. It is reported that Russia at that time, having already conquered Northern Asia to the Pacific ocean, had turned southward, overstretching out a grasping hand for land concessions—anything obtainable that would increase Russian wealth and prestige.

Diplomatic entanglements had given to Russia Port Arthur in Chinese territory, the strongest strategic position on the Chinese coast, as an offset to similar concessions granted to Great Britain at Weihaiwei and to Germany at Kiao-Chow.

Next the Boxer uprising, which followed close on the heels of the Chinese-Japanese war, gave Russia the desired opportunity to extend its official control southward far enough to embrace not only the territory adjacent to Port Arthur, but all the intermediate province of Manchuria. Obviously this occupation was part of the concerted movement to secure China, but when the allied troops withdrew from other parts of the empire Russia held on to Manchuria.

On the pretext that the building of a railroad across the possession of property, as well as the preservation of order in a turbulent country, required it, Russia postponed from time to time the date of

MEETS A BIMETALLIST

W. J. Bryan May Have an Audience With the Emperor.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES

New York, Dec. 24.—The United States cruiser Baltimore arrived here today.

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Buenos Ayres, Argentina, Dec. 24.—The government has submitted a bill to the chamber of deputies abolishing the 5 per cent additional customs duty from January 1. The budget committee of the house favors the measure.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Colonel Andrews, acting adjutant general of the Department of California, reports to the war department that headquarters band First and Third battalions, Thirtieth Infantry, 22 officers and 52 enlisted men, who recently returned from the Philippines, have left San Francisco for Fort Crook, Neb.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Owing to the fact that today was observed as a half holiday in the government departments, the usual financial statement was not issued by the treasury department today.

New York, Dec. 24.—Frederick M. Cushing, a naval veteran, and said to have been at the battle of Manila bay, was today sentenced to life imprisonment for shooting his wife during a quarrel on July 21 last.

Kansas City, Dec. 24.—Philip E. Burroughs, a grain commission merchant, and formerly British vice consul at Kansas City, died suddenly at his home here today, after a brief illness. He was prominent in business affairs. Mrs. Burroughs was killed here a year ago in a runaway accident. Burroughs died from blood poisoning, the result of a splinter bite.

Georgetown, Colo., Dec. 24.—The prospect of securing a jury in the Idaho Springs dynamite case seems no brighter today than for the past week. One juror was secured yesterday, but today the work of examining witnesses went on without making material progress.

Howland, Mont., Dec. 24.—L. H. Mott, who was convicted at Missoula of murder in the first degree for killing his wife, has been refused a new trial by the supreme court. He will be sentenced to death, again.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—The hopefulness in official circles of a pacific settlement of the Russo-Japanese dispute was reflected today on the bourse, which largely recovered from the nervousness which has prevailed for several days.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Minister Quesada has received a cablegram informing him that the Cuban government has formally recognized the republic of Panama.

St. Charles, Mo., Dec. 24.—The colonial government has called for a voluntary loan of \$99,000 from the eight departments, according to a Herald dispatch from Bogota. One per cent a month interest is promised, and the loan will be guaranteed by the proceeds of customs duty.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The treaty of arbitration between France and Italy, which is to be signed in a few days, is regarded in official quarters as having an important bearing on the relations of a number of European powers. The treaty is brief and its terms are almost identical with those of the Anglo-French treaty.

London, Dec. 24.—A Russian correspondent of the Times reports a panic among the population of Gomel, owing to the fresh police searches and arrests of Jews.

Havana, Dec. 24.—The government issued a proclamation today recognizing the republic of Panama.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Consul Simpson, coming today from Puerto Plata, San Domingo, reports the press dispatch that the revolutionists have been defeated. The dispatch is brief and gives no details.

Flushing, Holland, Dec. 24.—The Red Star liner Finland, which went ashore December 19 at Neversink, was floated today. The damage which she sustained has not been ascertained.

Belgrade, Serbia, Dec. 24.—Former State Councilor Davidovics, his wife and daughter were murdered today by three men, who broke into the house with the intention of robbing it. M. Davidovics was the oldest and richest citizen of Belgrade. One of the murderers was captured.

Newtown, Iowa, Dec. 24.—After thirty-six hours the Lavalier murder jury has disagreed. Lavalier was murdered a year ago and his body burned. Two juries have failed to convict Mrs. Lavalier, accused of the crime.

London, Dec. 24.—The Daily Mail's Tokyo correspondent says it is reported in Japan that Russia intends to connect Antung, at the mouth of the Yalu river, with Tiao Yang, on the railway between Lia and Port Arthur.

Vladivostok, Dec. 24.—After several weeks of rain and fog the weather has cleared and promises to be fine during the Christmas holidays. There will be no festivities at the Holberg, the emperor and empress having gone to Wladiwostok.

The American colony will celebrate Christmas with a great Christmas tree.

LOSS WILL BE HEAVY

Large Department Store at Memphis In Flames.

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9. A Highwayman's Christmas Lay.

10. The Story of the Christ-Child.

evacuation. All the time permanent improvements were pushed. Meantime Japan, with activity stimulated by successful military exploits in two campaigns, attained commercial supremacy in Korea, which Russia began to covet. Japan also wanted a share of the Manchurian trade and for this reason began to press Russia to keep promise of evacuation. Japan also began to express concern for Chinese integrity, not only in regard to Manchuria, but the rich province of Pe-Chi-Li.

The situation became critical when Russia failed to keep the over-extended promise to complete the final evacuation of Manchuria on October 5, 1902. The negotiations in progress ever since that time have been with a view to defining the rights of the rival countries in the "Hermit Kingdom" and Manchuria.

Several months ago England and Japan, with the full knowledge and approval of the United States, formed an alliance guaranteeing the independence of Korea and agreeing to give each other military support in the case of aggression by another power. If Russia should attack Japan, England would be obliged to give assistance, but not if Japan should be the aggressor. This treaty has had a restraining influence on Japan, at the same time making it stand firmer against exorbitant Russian demands.

WOULD REMOVE BRYAN

ALLEGED THAT HIS INTERESTS CONFLICT WITH HIS DUTY.

Prefers His Own Advantage to Equity in the Case.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 24.—Application for the removal of William J. Bryan as executor of the will of Philip S. Benett, was made by Mrs. Benett and other real party heirs in the probate court today on the ground that he has neglected and violated his duties and because his interests personally and as trustee are inimical to those of the legatees under the will.

In the petition is this paragraph: "Said Bryan, by appealing from the order of the court admitting said will and by prosecuting said appeal is preferring his own interests as an individual and as an alleged trustee to his duty as executor of said will, and put himself and his interests as an individual in the antagonism of the legatees under said will to their interest as such legatees and his duties as such executor, and said conduct of said Bryan is inconsistent with his position as executor under said will, and has rendered him an unfit and unsuitable person to continue exercising the duties and enjoying the emoluments of said office."

The signers of the petition are Mrs. Grace Imogene Bennett, the widow, and Mrs. Della A. Higlow of Waterville, N. Y., and George A. Cable of Yonkers, N. Y.

TO AVOID MORE EVILS

Veto Is Arbitrary and Offensive to Church Liberty.

Rome, Dec. 24.—The Observatore Romano, the national organ, contains an item tonight answering the part of the speech of Count Golitschewski, the Austrian minister of foreign affairs, delivered December 18, which referred to the veto of Cardinal Ratti at the last convocation. The article says it was optimistic and that the pope could not, and that it was only for the purpose of avoiding worse evils. The paper concludes that the veto is an arbitrary interference and offensive to the liberty of the church.

IN FULL RETREAT

President Jimenez's Troops Are Now on the Run.

New York, Dec. 24.—After a second defeat at the hands of General Morales' troops the forces of former President Jimenez are now in full retreat, says a Herald dispatch from Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo. Nine were drowned while attempting to ford the Camaguey river. The Dominican gendarmes, Presidents, which has begun to bombard Puerto Plata, was first fired upon by the fort. A demand had been made for the surrender of the place by 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon and there was the only reply. Small damage is expected from the bombardment.

BRITISH LOSS SMALL

Enemy's Casualties Were 80 Killed and 100 Wounded.

London, Dec. 24.—The war office today received a dispatch from Major General Sir Charles Egerton dated Kerzai, Sumatra, December 21, saying that 200 British and native troops had surprised 2,000 derwishes at Jodah, 28 miles west of Badkew. The engagement lasted 15 hours. The enemies' casualties were 80 killed and 100 wounded. The British loss was two men killed, four wounded and one missing.

MARINES WERE LANDED

Cruiser Prairie Sends 150 Men to an Island Station.

Cebu, Dec. 24.—The remainder of the marines from the cruiser Prairie, comprising 150, were landed today and went by train to Divisadero station, on the Panama railroad.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 24.—Five freight cars, carrying a quantity of dynamite, were derailed at Jodah, 28 miles west of Badkew, today.

DREYFUS TO HAVE TRIAL

This Time His Case Goes to a Criminal Court.

EXPECTS VINDICATION

There Was Absolute Unanimity in the Commission.

EVIDENCE IS CONCLUSIVE

Victim of Malice and Injustice May Be Righted

Paris, Dec. 24.—Captain Dreyfus, accused of treason to France, dismissed from the French army and exiled to prison on Devil's Island, will have another trial, this time by a civilian tribunal.

As the result of an examination of all the evidence submitted, the trial will be held in the criminal court. The court will assemble next month and Dreyfus will then have full opportunity to make explanation of the wrongs he is said to have suffered. The captain, as a result of this new trial, expects to obtain vindication fully by restoration to his former rank in the army.

Dreyfus received the news of the decision of the commission through personal friends, who extended their congratulations of the victory. The public was compelled to wait for its information through the regular editions of the papers, as no extra editions were issued. The few people who were at the ministry of justice saw the members of the revision commission depart shortly after 1 o'clock, apparently glad that they had completed their task. There was absolute unanimity among the members of the commission.

The details in the report of the commission have not yet been made public, but it is stated that the production of evidence which had not been submitted to the court-martial at Rennes and the change of testimony on the part of the witnesses was entirely reversed. The submission of the question of revision to a civilian tribunal is considered in France as a tactical move on the part of the government to obtain judicial support for its favorable attitude toward Dreyfus. Moreover, as the proceedings of the commission have extended over four weeks, the first excitement, disappeared and the people had a chance to consider the application of the military.

Immediately upon the receipt of the commission the government produced all the tangible evidence. These documents include the modified testimony of M. Dreyfus, the principal architect of the head-quarters, who at the court-martial at Rennes testified that he believed